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HOUSTON SUSTAINABLE GROWTH COMMITTEE APPROVES TWO IMPORTANT PROPOSALS FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

HOUSTON, Texas –Today the *Houston Sustainable Growth Committee*, Chaired by Council Member Peter Brown, voted to pass two important proposals for full Council action.

The first proposal was the precedent-setting creation of a dedicated Recycling Revenue Fund. Solid Waste Management Director Harry Hayes presented a request for Council action (RCA) with an initial annual budget of \$1.23 million fundamentally from current recycling revenues.

The second proposal was for an accelerated LED Traffic Signal Energy Savings Program. Jeff Weatherford, P.E., Senior Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, presented the program to the Committee. This program would upgrade 100% of existing incandescent lights within the City to Light Emitting Diodes (LED's) in conformity with new 2010 Federal standards. The upgrade is projected to cut energy consumption from traffic signals by 90% and cut electricity costs from roughly \$4 million a year to just under \$400,000 a year.

The measures were unanimously approved by all Council Members in attendance: Wanda Adams, Anne Clutterbuck, Jarvis Johnson, and Toni Lawrence.

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